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SUBJECT: SCHEEL' S VISIT TO EGYPT, MAY 20-22

1. IN BRIEFING GIVEN TO USINTOFF MAY 24, FIRST SECRETARY OF FRG EMBASSY CAIRO MADE FOLLOWING POINTS REGARDING SCHEEL' S VISIT:

( A ) PRIMARY PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO REESTABLISH " NORMALITY " OF FRG/ EGYPTIAN RELATIONSHIP. IN THIS, VISIT ACHIEVED ITS AIMS. ATMOSPHERE OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND FRG OFFICIALS WAS, IF NOT EFFUSIVE, AT LEAST WARM. EGYPTIANS APPEARED TO VIEW VISIT WITHIN CONTEXT OF THEIR OWN DRIVE TO INFLUENCE AS MANY WE COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE TOWARD ARAB POSITION, OR AT MINIMUM, TOWARD NEUTRALITY ON ARAB/ ISRAEL ISSUE. EGYPTIANS EXTENDED INVITATION FOR FRG CHANCELLOR BRANDT TO VISIT CAIRO AT SOME TIME IN FUTURE, ALTHOUGH IT WAS UNDERSTOOD SUCH A VISIT WOULD PROBABLY NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE 1974.

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(B) CONCERNING SETTLEMENT OF ARAB/ ISRAELI CONFLICT, SCHEEL ATTEMPTED TO IMPRESS UPON EGYPTIANS, INCLUDING SADAT, THAT FRG WAS PREPARED TO BE HELPFUL IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE AFTER, RPT. AFTER, A NEGOTIATING PROCESS HAD BEGUN. FRG EMBOFF STATED THAT SCHEEL HAD TOLD SADAT AND ZAYYAT THAT GERMAN EXPERIENCE UNDERSCORES FUTILITY OF WAR AS MEANS OF ATTAINING POLITICAL OBJECTIVES. GERMANY HAD FOUGHT TWO WORLD WARS AND HAD LOST BOTH; SHE HAD SUFFERED PARTITION AND FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS FRG AND GDR HAD BEEN IN A STATE OF MUTUAL CONFRONTATION, ALL TO LITTLE AVAIL. BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZED NECESSITY OF BEGINNING PROCESS OF RAPPROACHMENT THROUGH POLITICAL CONVERSATIONS, AND THIS HAD CARRIED FORWARD INTO STATE OF MUTUAL RECOGNITION. SCHEEL HAD TOLD GOE LEADERS THAT IN FRG' S VIEW, EGYPT MUST PROCEED THE SAME WAY, BY BEGINNING A PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT ACHIEVING A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. SCHEEL HAD TOLD EGYPTIANS THAT AFTER A PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEGUN, OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE US AND THE FRG, WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSIST. SCHEEL REITERATED TO SADAT THAT WAR WAS NO SOLUTION. TO THIS SADAT HAD REPLIED " WE WILL THINK ABOUT IT," BUT GAVE NO INDICATION AS TO WHICH WAY EGYPTIAN THINKING WAS PROCEEDING. FRG EMBOFF SAID THAT EGYPTIANS WERE NOT HAPPY AT SCHEEL' S EXPOSITION ALONG THESE LINES, BUT ACCEPTED THE ARGUMENT WITHOUT OBJECTION OR STRONG REBUTTAL.

(C) REGARDING UNSC DEBATE NEXT MONTH, SCHEEL HAD BEEN UNABLE TO SMOKE OUT ANY COHERENT EGYPTIAN PLAN. NEITHER SADAT NOR ZAYYAT WERE RESPONSIVE TO SCHEEL' S QUESTIONS AS TO HOW SC SESSION WOULD PROCEED, EXCEPT FOR REMARK BY ZAYYAT THAT EGYPTIANS DID NOT SEEK A POLEMICAL DEBATE.

2. MAY 23 AHRAH CONTAINED BRIEF INTERVIEW GIVEN BY SCHEEL TO AHRAH CORRESPONDENT AHMED SALAMA, QUOTING SCHEEL AS STATING THAT HE THOUGHT SC DEBATE WOULD BE BEGINNING OF " NEW INTERNATIONAL EFFORT" TO SOLVE ME CRISIS. IN REPLY TO QUESTION, FRG EMBOFF STATED THAT SALAMA HAD BEEN WITH SCHEEL FOR ONLY A FEW MINUTES AT END OF VISIT IN VERY RUSHED CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THAT  
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REMARK WAS PROBABLY MISQUOTED. IN ANY CASE, IT DID NOT REFLECT IN ANY WAY ANY REMARKS THAT SCHEEL HAD MADE TO EGYPTIANS IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS.  
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